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U.S.-Canada migration deal aims to end walk-around crossings

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ST. JOHNSBURY, Vermont (AP) — The immigration deal announced Friday by U.S. President Joe Biden and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau aims to shut down a process that has enabled tens of thousands of immigrants from across the world to move between the two countries along a back road between New York state and Quebec.

Since early 2017, so many migrants entered Canada via Roxham Road outside Champlain, New York that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police staffed a reception center to process them, less than five miles (8 kilometers) from the official border crossing where they'd be returned to the United States. Mounties warned they'd be arrested, but once on Canadian soil, they were allowed to stay and pursue asylum cases that can take years to resolve.



The welcome center in St. Johnsbury, Vt., on Thursday March 23, 2023.

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The new policy says that any asylum seekers who lack U.S. or Canadian citizenship and are caught within 14 days of crossing will be sent back across the border. It was set to take effect a minute after midnight Saturday, a quick implementation aimed at avoiding a surge of refugee claimants trying to cross, according to Canadian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the deal in advance.

"We are expanding the Safe Third Country Agreement to apply not only at designated ports of entry, but across the entire land border, including internal waterways, ensuring fairness and more orderly migration between our two countries," Canada's announcement said.

Canada also agreed to allow 15,000 migrants to apply "on a humanitarian basis from the Western Hemisphere over the course of the year, with a path to economic opportunities to address forced displacement, as an alternative to irregular migration."

Some of the last migrants to make it through were about eight people in two families — one from Haiti, the other from Afghanistan — who arrived at the U.S. end of Roxham Road just after dawn on Friday. Both said they took circuitous routes to get there.

Gerson Solay, 28, carried his daughter Bianca up to the border. He said he didn't have the proper documents to remain in the United States.

"That is why Canada is my last destination," he said before he was taken into custody for processing.

The deal comes as the U.S.



A Canadian police officer warns an Afghan migrant family that they will be arrested if they step forward into Canada at the non-official Roxham Road border crossing north of Champlain, N.Y., on Friday, March 24, 2023.

Border Patrol also responds to a steep increase in illegal southbound crossings along the wide-open Canadian border. Nearly all happen in northern New York and Vermont along the stretch of border nearest Canada's two largest cities, Toronto and Montreal.

It's unclear how Roxham Road became a favorite route, but it's just a taxi ride from where Interstate 87 approaches the Canadian border, and for southbound migrants, it's a relatively short distance to New York City.

While the numbers are still tiny compared to the U.S.-Mexico border, it's happening so frequently now that the Border Patrol increased its staffing in the region and has begun releasing some migrants into Vermont with a future date to appear before immigration authorities.

Canadian officials have

struggled to cope with this since early 2017. Many northbound migrants said they were fleeing because they feared President Donald Trump's immigration policies were hostile to their presence in the United States. The process contin-

ued since the Biden administration took office.

These migrants have taken advantage of a quirk in a 2002 agreement between the U.S. and Canada that says asylum seekers must apply in the first country they arrive in. Migrants who

go to an official Canadian crossing are returned to the U.S. and told to apply there. But those who reach Canadian soil somewhere other than a port of entry are allowed to stay and request protection.

Meanwhile, southbound migrants are straining U.S. border officials.

U.S. Border Patrol agents stopped migrants entering illegally from Canada 628 times in February, more than five times the same period a year earlier. Those numbers pale compared to migrants entering from Mexico — where they were stopped more than 220,000 times in December alone — but it is still a massive change in percentage terms.

In the Border Patrol's Swanton Sector, which stretches across New Hampshire, Vermont and a portion of upstate New York, agents stopped migrants 418 times in February, up more than 10 times from a year earlier. About half entering from Canada have been Mexicans, who can fly visa-free to Canada from Mexico. □

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U.S. sanctions Belarus' election officials, president's plane

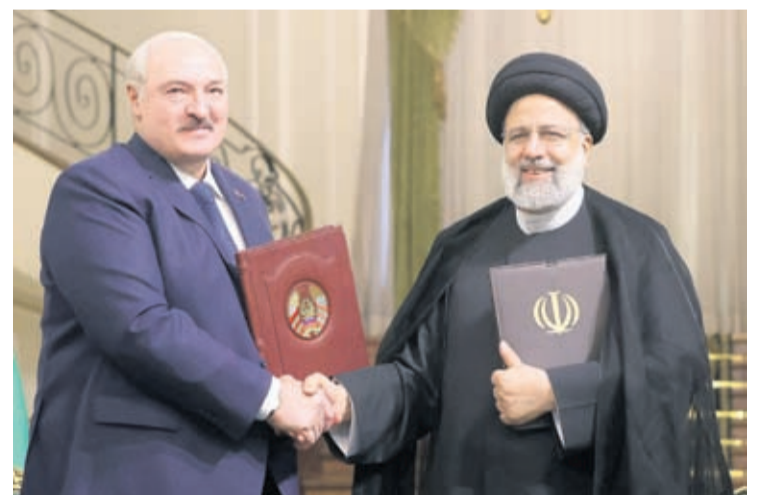
By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. imposed sanctions Friday on seven Belarusian elections officials, two state-owned automotive manufacturers and President Alexander Lukashenko's aircraft.

Lukashenko, who has ruled Belarus since 1994, intensified his repression after a wave of protests in 2020 following a presidential election that the West and Belarus' opposition denounced as a sham.

Lukashenko also has close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin and has allowed him to station troops and weapons there to support his war in Ukraine. Those sanctioned Friday include a new slate of commissioners on Belarus' Central Election Commission, which was originally sanc-



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, right, shakes hands with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko after a signing ceremony following their talks at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran, Iran, Monday, March 13, 2023.

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tioned in December 2020. Lukashenko accused the opposition presidential candidate, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, of plotting to overthrow the government. This month, a Belarusian court sentenced Tsikha-

nouskaya, now living in exile, to 15 years in prison. Lukashenko's aircraft, a Boeing 737 that he uses for international travel, was also designated for sanctions, which blocks its use in the U.S. □

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Washington Supreme Court upholds effort to balance tax code

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Supreme Court on Friday upheld the state's new capital gains tax, which was adopted by lawmakers in an effort to balance what is considered the nation's most regressive tax code.

In a 7-2 decision, the justices found the tax to be an excise tax — not a property tax, which the state Constitution limits to 1% annually, or an income tax, which Supreme Court decisions dating to the 1930s have found unconstitutional.

"For 134 years, Washington state has been waiting for the day when a fairer tax system came about, one where working people were not carrying an inequitable share of the burden," Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, said in a statement.

"Today is that day. Washington's capital gains tax helps right an upside-down tax structure where low-income Washingtonians ultimately expend a much larger share of their income in taxes than our wealthiest residents."

Washington is one of nine states without an income tax, and its heavy reliance on sales and fuel taxes to pay for schools, roads and



The sun dial stands in front of the Legislative Building, March 10, 2022, at the state Capitol in Olympia, Wash.

other public expenses falls disproportionately on low-income residents. They pay at least six times more in taxes as a percentage of household income than the wealthiest residents do, according to lawmakers. Middle-income residents pay two to four times as much.

Inslee and other majority Democrats in Olympia sought to begin addressing that in 2021, when they enacted a 7% capital gains tax on the sale of stocks, bonds and other high-end

assets, with exemptions for the first \$250,000 each year and gains from sales of retirement accounts, real estate and certain small businesses.

It was expected to be paid by 7,000 people — fewer than 1 in every 1,000 residents — and to bring in close to a half-billion dollars a year to help pay for public education in Washington.

But it faced a legal challenge from wealthy residents and business and agricultural organizations that

said it violates the state and federal constitutions and would discourage the investment in the state.

The challengers argued the state's labeling of the capital gains tax as an excise tax was merely designed to conceal its true nature as an income tax.

An excise tax is broadly defined as a tax on certain goods, services or activities — in this case, not a tax on property or income, but on what someone does with that property by selling it, the state insisted.

The 41 states that tax capital gains tax it as income. Seven other states have no income taxes at all: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming. New Hampshire taxes only dividends and interest income earned by individual taxpayers.

"Today's ruling by the State Supreme Court is at odds with the legal opinion of every other state in the country and the federal government," Jackson Maynard, general counsel of the Building Industry Association of Washington, which sued over the tax, said in an emailed statement. "This makes Washington state the only place in the country where a capital gains tax is not considered an income tax.

This is a radical departure, creating an undesirable inconsistency that will cripple our state's competitiveness and drive more businesses out of our state."

Washington voters overwhelmingly passed a graduated income tax in 1932. But in a 5-4 decision the following year, the state Supreme Court struck it down, ruling that a tax on income was a tax on property — and the state Constitution says property taxes must be uniform and limited to 1% per year. □

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Senate Ethics admonishes Graham for campaign solicitations

By MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee is admonishing South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham for soliciting campaign contributions inside a federal building after a Nov. 2022 Fox News interview in which he asked viewers to donate to a GOP candidate.

Graham violated Senate rules and standards of conduct because he was in a Senate office building when he did the interview, the leaders of the ethics panel said in a rare public letter released on Thursday. "The public must feel confident that Members use

public resources only for official actions in the best interests of the United States, not for partisan political activity," wrote Senate Ethics Committee Chairman Chris Coons, D-Del., and Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford, the panel's Republican vice chairman. "Your actions failed to uphold that standard, resulting in harm to the public trust and confidence in the United States Senate. You are hereby admonished."

Coons and Lankford wrote that Graham solicited campaign contributions for Georgia Senate candidate Herschel Walker's campaign committee "five

separate times" during the Nov. 30, 2022 interview on Fox News. They noted that Graham reported himself to the committee after the interview was over. In a statement Thursday, Graham said: "It was a mistake. I take responsibility. I will try to do better in the future." It is unclear if Graham could face any criminal penalties for his actions. Coons and Lankford said this was the senator's second violation, after he similarly solicited campaign contributions for his own campaign during an unplanned hallway interview in 2020. The ethics committee dismissed that complaint and notified



Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks during a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of State with Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Graham in a private letter, Coons and Lankford wrote. The panel did not publicly reveal that violation until now, having determined at

the time that his conduct was "inadvertent, technical, or otherwise of a de minimis nature," the letter said. □

Radioactive water leaks at Minn. nuclear plant for 2nd time

MONTICELLO, Minn. (AP) — Water containing a radioactive material has leaked for a second time from a nuclear plant near Minneapolis and the plant will be shut down, but there is no danger to the public, the plant's owner said Thursday.

A leak of what was believed to be hundreds of gallons of water containing tritium was discovered this week from a temporary fix at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, where 400,000 gallons (1.5 million liters) of water with tritium leaked in November, Xcel Energy said in a statement Thursday.

The plant about 38 miles (61 kilometers) northwest of Minneapolis is scheduled to power down Friday so permanent repairs can begin, the company said.

There was a monthslong delay in announcing the initial leak that raised questions about public safety and transparency, but industry experts said there was never a public health threat.

The new leak, announced a day after Xcel Energy says it was discovered, was found to be coming from a



Cooling towers release heat generated by boiling water reactors at Xcel Energy's Nuclear Generating Plant on Oct. 2, 2019, in Monticello, Minn.

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temporary fix to the original leak, the company said in a statement. This time, the leak is anticipated to be in the hundreds of gallons.

"While the leak continues to pose no risk to the public or the environment, we determined the best course of action is to power down the plant and perform the permanent repairs immediately," said Chris Clark, president of Xcel Energy—Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. "We are continuing to work with and inform our state, federal, city and county leaders in the process."

After the first leak was found in November, Xcel Energy made a short-term fix to capture water from a

leaking pipe and reroute it back into the plant for reuse.

The solution was designed to prevent new tritium from reaching the groundwater until installation of a replacement pipe during a regularly scheduled outage in mid-April, the company said. However, monitoring equipment in-

dicated Wednesday that a small amount of new water from the original leak had reached the groundwater. Operators discovered that, over the past two days, the temporary solution was no longer capturing all of the leaking water, Xcel Energy said.

The leaked water remains contained on-site and has not been detected in any local drinking water, Xcel Energy said.

Tritium is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen that occurs naturally in the environment and is a common by-product of nuclear plant operations. It emits a weak form of beta radiation that does not travel far and cannot penetrate human skin, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minnesota Department of Health released a statement Thursday saying they were told of the new leak Thursday afternoon and that it is ongoing.

The agencies said they will continue to monitor groundwater samples and will inform the public if there is an imminent risk. □

NY's power to regulate religious schools trimmed by judge

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Parents cannot be required to pull their children from

private schools in New York that fail to meet state-designated standards, a judge decided, striking down a key provision of rules re-

cently passed to strengthen oversight of such schools, including those specializing in religious education.

The ruling in a state trial court in Albany came in response to a lawsuit brought by ultra-Orthodox Jewish schools, called yeshivas, and related advocacy groups over education rules enacted last fall. Under the rules, the state's 1,800 private and religious schools must provide an education that is "substantially equivalent" to that of a public school.

Opponents in the ultra-Orthodox community say the rules improperly target yeshivas, some of which focus intently on religious instruction with far less teaching in secular subjects such as English, math and science.

Judge Christina Ryba on Thursday rejected an argument that the state regulations were unconstitutional. But she said state officials overstepped their authority in setting penalties for schools that don't adhere to them. Specifically, she said education officials lack legal authority to make parents take their children out of schools that fall short of the requirements, and they don't have the authority to close.

Ryba said parents of those children could still receive required instruction in combination with sources, such as home schooling.

A co-plaintiff cheered the judge's rejection of the "draconian penalties."

"In striking those provisions

of the regulations, the Court agreed with parents and non-public schools across New York State who opposed these regulations," read a prepared statement from the group Parents for Educational and Religious Liberty in Schools. The state Education Department said the decision validates its commitment to improving the educational experience for all students.

"We remain committed to ensuring students who attend school in settings consistent with their religious and cultural beliefs and values receive the education to which they are legally entitled," read the prepared statement.

It was not clear if any aspects of the ruling would be appealed. □



Members of the ultra-Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish communities protest before a Board of Regents meeting to vote on new requirements that private schools teach English, math science and history to high school students, Sept. 12, 2022, outside the New York State Education Department Building in Albany, N.Y.

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China threatens consequences over U.S. warship's actions

By **DAVID RISING**
Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — China threatened “serious consequences” Friday after the United States Navy sailed a destroyer around the disputed Paracel Islands in the South China Sea for the second day in a row, in a move Beijing claimed was a violation of its sovereignty and security.

The warning comes amid growing tensions between China and the United States in the region, as Washington pushes back at Beijing's growingly assertive posture in the South China Sea, a strategic waterway it claims virtually in its entirety.

On Thursday, after the U.S. sailed the USS Milius guided-missile destroyer near the Paracel Islands, China said its navy and air force had forced the American vessel away, a claim the U.S. military denied.

The U.S. on Friday sailed the ship again in the vicinity of the islands, which are occupied by China but also claimed by Taiwan and Vietnam, as part of what it



In this photo provided by the U.S. Navy, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Milius (DDG 69) conducts routine underway operations in South China Sea, Friday March 24, 2023.

Associated Press

called a “freedom of navigation operation” challenging requirements from all three nations requiring either advance notification or permission before a military vessel sails by.

“Unlawful and sweeping maritime claims in the South China Sea pose a serious

threat to the freedom of the seas, including the freedoms of navigation and overflight, free trade and unimpeded commerce, and freedom of economic opportunity for South China Sea littoral nations,” U.S. 7th Fleet spokesperson Lt. j.g. Luka Bakic said in an

emailed statement.

“The United States challenges excessive maritime claims around the world regardless of the identity of the claimant,” Bakic said. China's Ministry of National Defense responded by accusing the U.S. of “undermining the peace and

stability of the South China Sea” with its actions.

“The act of the U.S. military seriously violated China's sovereignty and security, severely breached international laws, and is more ironclad evidence of the U.S. pursuing navigation hegemony and militarizing the South China Sea,” ministry spokesperson Tan Kefei said.

“We solemnly request that the US. immediately stop such actions of provocation, otherwise it will bear the serious consequences of unexpected incidents caused by this.”

He said China would take “all necessary measures” to ensure its security but did not elaborate.

Like its statement on the Thursday incident, China again said it drove the American ship away from the islands, which are in the South China Sea a few hundred kilometers (miles) off the coast of Vietnam and the Chinese province of Hainan.

Both sides said their actions were justified under international law. □

1500 evacuated as Spain's fire season starts early

By **JENNIFER O'MAHONY**
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — More than 1,500 people were evacuated as a major forest fire raged in Spain's eastern Castellon province on Friday, marking an early start to the nation's fire season amid bone dry conditions. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez promised full support to those who had fled their homes.

“We're looking at the first major fire, unfortunately, this year,” he said. “And it is also taking place out of season.”

Local officials said the fire had engulfed around 3,000 hectares of land since it broke out on Thursday, forcing residents into shelters operated by the Red

Cross and other charities. Its cause was not immediately clear.

Ximo Puig, the president of the Valencia region that incorporates Castellon, told reporters the fire was “very early in the spring, very voracious from the beginning.”

Puig added that the effects of climate change “are undeniable, so the perspective of firefighting must be considered on an annual basis.”

Emergency services in the region said eight villages had been evacuated, as well as a home for older people in Montan.

As of Friday afternoon, 18 water-dropping planes and helicopters and more than 500 firefighters and soldiers

were tackling the fire. The Spanish military and the nation's ecological transition ministry deployed additional support to try to bring the blaze under control.

The state weather agency, AEMET, tweeted that “unfavorable weather conditions, especially considering the early date of the year, have favored the (fire's) rapid spread.” Temperatures were above 25 Celsius (77 Fahrenheit) when the fire broke out, and relative humidity sank below 30% following an unusually dry winter in the area.

The risk of more fires in Castellon was classified as “extreme” on Friday.

Miguel Sandalinas, the mayor of one of the villag-



A forest fire burns in the hills near Villanueva de Viver, Spain, in the early hours of Friday March 24, 2023.

Associated Press

es affected, said that fallen trees left over from winter and the general lack of care for dried vegetation had given the fire “a lot of ammunition.”

In 2022, wildfires burned through 306,555 hectares of land in Spain, an area almost four times the size of New York City, according to European Union data. Last year was also Spain's

hottest since records began.

Despite extensive planning, early warning surveillance and prediction models, preparing for wildfires remains a huge challenge.

Spain officially entered a period of long-term drought at the end of last year, owing to high temperatures and low rainfall over the past three years. □

Rwanda says Rusesabagina of 'Hotel Rwanda' fame to be freed

By **CARA ANNA and IGNATIUS SSUUNA**
Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Rwanda's government has commuted the 25-year sentence of Paul Rusesabagina, who inspired the film "Hotel Rwanda" for saving hundreds of countrymen from genocide but was convicted of terrorism offenses years later in a widely criticized trial. Government spokeswoman Yolande Makolo told The Associated Press on Friday that the presidential order was issued after a request for clemency, and Rusesabagina, a 68-year-old U.S. resident and Belgian citizen, is expected to be released on Saturday. Nineteen others also had their sentences commuted. Under Rwandan law, commutation doesn't "extinguish" the conviction, Makolo added. "Rwanda notes the constructive role of the U.S. government in creating conditions for dialogue on this issue, as well as the facilitation provided by the state of Qatar,"



Paul Rusesabagina, who inspired the film "Hotel Rwanda" and is credited with saving more than 1,000 people by sheltering them at the hotel he managed during the genocide, attends a court hearing in Kigali, Rwanda, Friday Feb. 26, 2021.

Associated Press

she said. President Paul Kagame earlier this month said discussions were under way on resolving the issue. Qatar foreign ministry spokesman Majid Al-Ansari said in a statement that "the procedure for (Rusesabagina's) transfer to the state of Qatar is under way

and he will then head to the United States of America. This issue was discussed during meetings that brought together Qatari and Rwandan officials at the highest levels." The case had been described by the U.S. and oth-

ers as unfair. Rusesabagina disappeared in 2020 during a visit to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and appeared days later in Rwanda in handcuffs. His family alleged he was kidnapped and taken to Rwanda against his will to stand trial. He was convicted on eight

charges including membership in a terrorist group, murder and abduction. But the circumstances surrounding his arrest, his limited access to an independent legal team and his reported worsening health drew international concern.

Rusesabagina has asserted that his arrest was in response to his criticism of Kagame over alleged human rights abuses. Kagame's government has repeatedly denied targeting dissenting voices with arrests and extrajudicial killings.

In a signed letter to Kagame dated Oct. 14 and posted on the justice ministry's website, Rusesabagina wrote that "if I am granted a pardon and released, I understand fully that I will spend the remainder of my days in the United States in quiet reflection.

I can assure you through this letter that I hold no personal or political ambitions otherwise. I will leave questions regarding Rwandan politics behind me." □

Brazil's Bolsonaro turns in undeclared jewels to authorities

By **CARLA BRIDI**
Associated Press

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — A representative of Brazil's former President Jair Bolsonaro on Friday handed a set of diamond jewelry he received during his presidency over to a state bank, as ordered by a government watchdog amid an investigation into the gifts. Federal police and prosecutors are investigating whether the goods brought into the country from Saudi Arabia were public gifts that Bolsonaro improperly tried to prevent from being incorporated into the presidency's public collection, or private gifts that Bolsonaro tried sneak into Brazil without paying taxes. The Senate's transparency commission also is investigating whether the sale of a refinery by Brazil's state-controlled oil giant was related to the jewels. The state bank Caixa Eco-

nomica Federal received the box of precious stones Friday at one of its branches in capital Brasilia, the bank's press office told The Associated Press. A representative also turned in firearms Bolsonaro received as a gift from authorities in the United Arab Emirates, according to the federal police's press office. A federal watchdog on Wednesday had given Bolsonaro five days to hand over the precious stones and guns that he had received while president. Brazilian media started reporting on the set of jewels earlier this month, along with another set that was seized earlier at the international airport in Sao Paulo. The confiscated set, composed of earrings, a necklace, a ring and a watch by Swiss brand Chopard, is estimated to be worth several million dollars. Neither

set was declared to tax authorities. Documents and video footage published by local press appear to show supposed emissaries of Bolsonaro making multiple unsuccessful attempts to retrieve the seized jewelry, up until just days before the end of his presidency. Bolsonaro, who denies any wrongdoing connected to the gifts, has been in the United States since late-December, just days before the end of his presidential term. The gifts add to the legal jeopardy already surrounding the right-wing populist politician. He is also under investigation for any involvement in a rampage by his supporters through the national capital after he left office and for numerous actions during the presidential election campaign he lost last fall. □



This photo provided by Brazil's Federal Revenue Department shows jewelry seized by customs authorities at Guarulhos International Airport in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the week of March 24, 2023.

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Department of Public Works to close Palm Beach road for maintenance next Monday

Next week Monday, March 27th, the Department of Public Works will be conducting a water drainage in Palm Beach, where puddles of rainwater often sit in front of the gas station in the area, causing disruption in traffic. The DOW will be closing the road in that area in order to work and make this roadway accessible again to drivers.



road, which as mentioned before, will take 4 working days.

The DOW asks the community and tourists around the Palm Beach area to keep the roadwork and the disturbance that this will cause in mind. Croes asks to be understanding and patient during the duration of the project.

Croes also added that this project was one that they have identified a while ago and that they have already done some work in the back side of the gas station to fix the area, but "we still have to connect the drainage system to the salt lake and increase the capacity of the culverts by laying down new pipes, basically because the passing water in the current culvert system is so much that it's blocking more water from flowing in. As a result, the water level keeps rising."

According to Croes, this work will alleviate the area of the gasoline station, where rainwater usually sits for a long time. □

This project contains different phases. The first phase consists of improving the flow of traffic in the area. For this, they will be renewing the asphalt from the Citgo gasoline station up until the Santa Anna Pharmacy. This phase includes 3 segments. The first segment involves digging for laying down pipes in the ground, pouring down cement and connecting the new drainage system on the back profile at Palma Real. In the second segment, they will be removing the asphalt cap on the road that leads to the Santa Anna Pharmacy.

The tasks for the second segment will take place between 11pm and 7am every night for 4 consecutive days, according to the director of DOW, Marlon Croes. In the daytime, the road will be open for all vehicles. The third segment involves pouring down asphalt on the road, which will take an entire night. Because of this, they will be closing the road from 9pm to 12pm the following day. In terms of the second phase

of this project, this consists of expanding the culvert situated in the walls of the crossroad near Tanki Real, which is located behind the former Palm Beach supermarket. The third phase will also contain expansions of culverts, namely the one at Keito, where rainwater passes through two different paths before entering the salt lake in front of the

hotels. These two pathways will be amplified in order to improve the flow of water passing through. The fourth phase will be conducted in the area of Palm Beach 94B, where they will be profiling the road again so that the water flowing by can reach the salt lake from the northern side.

There will be some changes in the direction of traffic

during this period. When the first phase commences, road workers will be occupying the roadway at the crossroad near the CMB bank around the hotel area and will continue northbound, ending at the back side of the gasoline station in Palm Beach.

The first phase of the culvert will take around 30 workdays. Because of this, they will be closing the roadway in the area for 6 weeks, so that they can properly complete all necessary tasks. The last task in the culvert phase consists of laying down asphalt on the



Farmers Market at the Ostrich Farm

Every first Sunday of the month the Ostrich Farm organized and facilitate the largest farmers market on the island. Everything sold during the farmers market are locally crafted, produced and grown. Locally artisans and farmers gather at the farmers market to showcase proudly their products.

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Then you have the very talented local artisans that share their unique and one-of-a-kind art such as driftwood paintings, high quality jewelry, baby clothing, knitting products, ceramic mugs/cups and plates, Calabash art, organic soap and cosmetic and so much more!

The Farmer's market is held under a large, covered area so you can shop comfortably in the shade.

The restaurant in the premises serves delicious local lunches and fresh fish when available. Ice cold local beer, smoothies, fresh fruit shakes and not to be missed serves the best shaved ice on the island!

And the Ostrich tours is of course offered as well.

For everybody young and old here is something to do, shop, relax and enjoy a great family outing and most of all come and support the local artisans and farmers every first Sunday of the month from 10:00 to 14:00, Matividiri 57, follow our facebookpage or Instagram @arubaostrichfarm and be notified for each upcoming farmers market



Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Aruba Beach Club Resort

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently recognized the Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. Presenting the Ambassadors with the Emerald certification as a token of appreciation.

The Emerald certification is granted to ambassadors to recognize, their loyalty, friendship, and visits to the island of Aruba. Emerald Honorees has been choosing Aruba as her preferred vacation destination for more than 35 years consecutively. The Honoring certification program has three levels, which are divid-

ed according to the number of consecutive years visiting the island.

Honoring Levels:

- Distinguished Ambassadors: 10> years
- Goodwill Ambassadors: 20> years
- Emerald Ambassadors: 35> years

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Richard & Cherly Gariboldi are residents of Vermont, United States (have been coming to Aruba for 43 years consecutively).

Ms. Olga Ruiz representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of the Aruba Beach Club bestowed the certification of the Emerald Ambassador. The honoreeswere presented with the Emerald Ambassador Certificate and memorable gifts.

On behalf of the Government of Aruba, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Gariboldi for making Aru-



ba their preferred vacation destination for so many years. We are so thankful to have had such outstanding visitors all these years! For Mr. & Mrs. Gariboldi Aruba is unquestionably their home away from home!

The top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by the honoree were:

Richard & Cherly Gariboldi's reasons:

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King Willem Alexander met with Small Island Developing States leaders and ministers

On March 21, 2023, King Willem Alexander of the Kingdom of the Netherlands organized a gathering with the Prime Ministers and ministers of the Small Island Developing States.

The attendees included the leaders of Aruba, St. Maarten, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Kitts, Barbados, Jamaica, Tuvalu,

Fiji, and the Maldives. During the encounter, they focused mainly on the small islands concerning climate change and water issues.

The Prime Minister stated that although similarities with the other islands, Aruba is an exception regarding the challenges the other islands face, as these do not affect Aruba. An important issue discussed was water availability in the Caribbean Islands. Contrary to Aruba, many other regional islands cannot supply water 24 hours to their communities but only part of the day.

For Aruba, the sea water desalination plant is a blessing. Many other islands hope to one day have such water purification plants.

WEB Aruba provides purified water 24 hours a day in a steady supply which we must not take for granted. The Aruban community should be more aware of the importance of water and use it consciously. It is a community's commitment to using water consciously to guarantee its availability for everyone. It is a big challenge to which the Government is committed.

The Prime Minister thanked King Willem Alexander for organizing this encounter and addressing the issue in context with the small islands since they usually do not get due attention. □



Beauty & THE BEACH

Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Lucy, John & friends from Toronto, Canada and Massachusetts, USA.** Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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Today Is Going To Be A Good Day

Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do **BEYOND** the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. **Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.**

Nature Calls

The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. The guided tours are even free of charge. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whip-tail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the



park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.arubanationalpark.org

The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co.

called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of build-

ing a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. www.arubalighthouse.com

will give you more information.

Kayak in the Mangroves

Mangel Halto at Savaneta is definitely a place not to miss out on. The beautiful beach with the natural mangroves is simply a beauty, but if you are into a more active way to enjoy the nature: take a kayak. While you are doing some workout -as it might get a little windy and rough-, you will see the island from a different perspective. You can even make a stop to do some snorkeling at the reef. Its fun, it's healthy and for sure something else. There are several companies that offer kayak tours, we had good experience with The Shack Kayak Tours Aruba, find them on Facebook. □



Richard Jacobs: from footballer to international cameraman to multimedia lecturer in Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Richard E. Jacobs Jr. is currently a guest lecturer in multimedia at Ibero American High School. Jacobs has a long and successful trajectory in the world of television; but before entering television, his first love was soccer. In an interview with our reporter, Jacobs tells a bit about his career in soccer and multimedia.

From a young age, because his father played soccer, Jacobs followed in his father's footsteps and began playing soccer too. At a young age he moved to the Netherlands and from that moment continued developing in his sport. Half of his career was in the Netherlands where he played for big teams. Afterwards he came back to Aruba and played in various youth teams and represented Aruba in Santo Domingo, among others.

Jacobs says that during his soccer career he won different individual awards. Among others, he won goalgetter in a championship twice, and was MVP of a championship twice. He also won best striker.

During the 1990s, he was part of Aruba's national team, represent-



ing our island in elimination games for the World Cup in 1994, 1998 and 2002. He was also part of the Aruba team for the Caribbean Championship Shell Cup, and in the year 2000 he was part of the Aruban team that beat the Puerto Rican team 4-2.

Jacobs studied in the electrical sector in Aruba and after finishing his studies in Aruba he moved to the Netherlands to continue studying electronica.

During his studies in the Netherlands, Jacobs says, there was a department that would photograph and film here and there, but mostly photograph. He went to experience this, and loved it so much that he started participating.

"I started going deeper into it. For filming, I began when I was 14, filming various activities around Aruba with a big camera. I always liked filming. That's how I started, and as I grew up I gained more experience."

Jacobs worked in TeleAruba, and after that he got the opportunity to work in ATV and at this time he gained a lot of experience in the world of television.

Internationally, he worked at different TV stations and programs. He says that he worked with CNN, Fox, NBC, as cameraman for the Larry King show, and he worked as cameraman also for Nancy Grace at that time.

The transition from television to school happened because his two daughters attended Ibero American High School, and during the years they were enrolled, they realized that he was doing multimedia work and the school approached him to start teaching in the MultiMedia department in order to



introduce the subject to the students. "They found accreditation for this and after six years teaching, this is the only school that is currently giving complete multimedia lessons," Jacobs emphasized.

"You learn everything regarding filming, editing, you learn video editing, and you learn to work with Photoshop, restore images, make posters, you learn everything regarding social media. We also teach the technical aspect a bit of the work of IT", he added.

Finalizing, Jacobs says that what he likes the most about teaching at the school is inspiring the kids, who have an open window to the world of multimedia. "Maybe you are a very creative person, you can do a lot with multimedia and what I like is that when I give an assignment, I want for them to do it the best that they can, better than me. The goal is to push these children to use their creativity and experience the world of multimedia, through which they can express themselves in different ways." □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE TREES WILL TELL THEIR SECRETS TO THOSE THAT TUNE IN. — STEVEN MAGEE

Summer travel is likely to remain hot, so book early

By SAM KEMMIS of NerdWallet

Travel last summer was, in a word, wild. Pent-up "revenge" travel combined with relaxed restrictions caused a surge in demand. High fuel prices and limited airline capacity drove up costs, with overall travel prices increasing 17% over pre-pandemic levels by June 2022, according to NerdWallet's Travel Price Index.

What about this summer? Will weakening demand lead to lower prices and thinner crowds? It's not looking likely, according to travel experts.

"We aren't seeing any dip in demand," says Hayley Berg, lead economist at Hopper, a travel booking platform. "It seems incredible that the demand could be sustained, but we're not seeing any weakness right now."

It seems that Americans' appetite for revenge remains unsated. And that could lead to another wild ride this summer.

NO RELIEF FROM HIGH PRICES

Prices for flights, car rentals and hotels may have peaked last year, but they haven't come down much.

Overall trip prices remained 15% higher in January 2023 compared with January 2020, before travel plummeted because of the pandemic.

It looks like prices could remain high through the summer, though they're unlikely to hit the enormous year-over-year gains seen last year.

"We're not seeing nearly the pricing increases we



A traveler pulls their luggage between terminals at Logan International Airport, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, in Boston. Associated Press

saw last year," says Jamie Lane, vice president of research at AirDNA, a vacation rental data platform. Demand for Airbnb and Vrbo rentals remains high, he says, but increased supply has tempered price growth.

"Average daily rates are up 4% year over year for the summer."

Given the huge spikes in travel prices last year, a 4% increase is relatively modest. Airfares, on the other hand, could see a decrease in price this summer compared with last year. "We are expecting domestic airfare to peak around \$350 on average," Berg says. "That's about 10% lower than last year but 10% higher than 2019 prices."

Car rental prices have also abated from their absurd heights but are still 43% higher than pre-pandemic levels, according to the latest U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. And food away from home (i.e., restaurant meals) has seen some of the steadiest inflation, now costing 23%

more than before the pandemic.

DIFFERENT BOOKING TIMELINES

The pandemic may be waning, but it has significantly changed how we travel.

"What we've seen consistently is that people are booking a lot more last minute," Berg says. "For domestic airfare, that's three to four weeks in advance, where it would have been closer to six to eight weeks in advance before the pandemic."

These short booking windows mean we won't know how high demand for summer travel gets until, well, the summer. It could also mean that prices on transportation and lodging will rise more than usual in the final weeks before departure.

Avoiding this last-minute crunch could be the budget-savvy way to plan this year.

Another trend that seems to be continuing this year: more travelers choosing to book trips during the shoulder seasons around the summer, late spring and early fall.

Lane says the shoulder season saw above-average demand last year, and so far the trend is continuing this spring.

"It would start to show up if we see pacing weaker in shoulder seasons like April and May, and we're just not seeing that." □

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Doctors may miss how addiction patients cheat drug tests

By **CARLA K. JOHNSON**
AP Medical Writer

Doctors often use urine tests to make sure patients taking medication for opioid addiction are sticking with treatment. A new study suggests they may be missing some cheaters. Nearly 8% of these patients sometimes spike their urine by adding their treatment medicine, buprenorphine, to the samples. Such spiking may go unnoticed by doctors who use rapid tests instead of more sophisticated lab tests that can reveal who's cheating. "These patients are at particularly high risk for opioid overdose, as they are not receiving the protective effects of buprenorphine," said Dr. Jarrett Pytell of University of Colorado School of Medicine, who led the study published Wednesday by JAMA Psychiatry.

About 2.4 million U.S. adults are prescribed this gold standard medication for opioid addiction. It works by preventing craving and is often paired with counseling and other support. With overdose deaths climbing, Congress recently made it easier for more doctors to prescribe buprenorphine, which is sold under the brand name Suboxone.

In the study, researchers looked at more than 500,000 urine test results from Millennium Health, a large laboratory. The tests had been ordered by doctors from 2017 through April 2022.

Less than 2% of samples from 7.6% of patients had evidence that patients directly added buprenorphine to the urine specimen. Spiking was indi-



This July 23, 2018 file photo shows packets of buprenorphine, a drug used to control heroin and opioid cravings, in Greenfield, Mass.

Associated Press

cated by a low amount of a substance produced as buprenorphine breaks down in the liver. Suspicious specimens were more likely to be collected in primary care doctor's offices than in specialty treatment clinics. And patients with evidence of spiked samples were more likely to test positive for heroin or fentanyl use.

Doctors shouldn't cut off patients who cheat, Pytell said. That could lead to overdose. Instead, a suspicious result should prompt a frank discussion and possibly a higher level of care. Doctors should dis-

cuss whether patients are struggling with inadequate housing, mental health issues or financial strain. "When patients tamper with their urine specimen it often indicates that they are unstable in their recovery and they could use more help," said study co-author Brendan Saloner of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Unfortunately, many patients are punished either by their program or by some legal authority, and they therefore have reasons why they may want to mask that they are not taking their buprenorphine as

prescribed."

Dr. Kim Dougan, a primary care doctor in the Seattle area, has treated hundreds of patients with buprenorphine. □

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Women soccer leaders target breakthroughs in World Cup year

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) —

In a World Cup year set to drive faster progress in women's soccer, elections in Europe next month will have a global audience for a potential breakthrough in gender equity. Women soccer executives taking part in an annual joint FIFA-UEFA leadership course for them in Switzerland this month are keenly awaiting the result of votes on April 5 for seats on the ruling committees at both soccer bodies.

The past decade has seen women receive a single protected quota place to sit at decision-making tables at each of FIFA and the six continental authorities such as UEFA.

However, women have yet to win international soccer politics elections in direct contests against men. Quota seats have been treated as a closed limit rather than a door opening.

That could change when the 55 member federations of UEFA meet soon in Lisbon with two options to make women the winners.

Norwegian federation president Lise Klaveness is one of 11 candidates the other 10 are men for seven available seats on the UEFA executive committee.



Attendees take part in the Women's Football Leadership Programme Lausanne 2023 at IMD Business School on Monday March 6, 2023 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The president of England's Football Association, Debbie Hewitt, is challenging incumbent David Martin of Northern Ireland for the FIFA vice presidency reserved for only the four British soccer nations.

Klaveness' campaign and progressive views typically rare in soccer circles have been seen as a cause célèbre for the advancement of women executives.

"It's very brave of Lise to step into the election process," Australia's delegate at the women's leadership

course, Amy Duggan, told the Associated Press.

"I wish her the best of luck. I would hope that everybody who is voting understands that diversity and inclusion is needed to make our game bigger and better."

Klaveness and Hewitt are in a select group of a few female presidents among FIFA's 211 members, and most federations which have a women leader also will play at the Women's World Cup: Norway, England, co-host New Zealand,

the defending champion United States and Canada. Still, the backdrop to Cindy Parlow Cone being elected to lead the U.S. Soccer Federation and Canada Soccer appointing Charmaine Crooks as interim president this month includes women players challenging previous leadership on issues like equal pay and lack of respect.

France and Spain have also been in turmoil with key players speaking out. Norway's Ballon d'Or-winning forward Ada Heger-

berg exiled herself from the national team for years until returning last year at the time Klaveness, a former national team player, was elected president.

"In the World Cup year it's always disappointing to think some of our best players across the globe might not be on the world stage," Duggan said.

"I do hope that all sorts itself out." Promoting more women into executive positions during the rapid professionalization of women's soccer was a shared goal during the week-long course at a business management school in Lausanne. The FIFA-UEFA course has taught more than 100 students in the past four years.

In Nigeria, federation board member Aisha Falode noted the shocked reaction of the men's national team failing to reach the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

"Heaven was going to fall," she told the AP.

"We, the women, have qualified for every single World Cup since it started (in 1991) and it's like nothing. The awareness is almost non-existent."

Falode, a former journalist who went on to run the Nigerian women's league, said she could one day seek the federation presidency. □

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Tom Brady becomes minority owner of WNBA's Las Vegas Aces

By MARK ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Seven-time Super Bowl champion



New England Patriots backup quarterback Tom Brady warms up on the sidelines before the game against the Detroit Lions at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich., Friday, Aug. 4, 2000.

Associated Press

quarterback Tom Brady has acquired an ownership stake in the WNBA champion Las Vegas Aces.

He attended an Aces game on May 31 and later sent Las Vegas star Kelsey Plum a jersey and other gifts. "I am very excited to be part of the Las Vegas Aces organization," Brady said in a statement Thursday. "My love for women's sports began at a young age when I would tag along to all my older sisters' games they were by far the best athletes in our house! We celebrated their accomplishments together as a family, and they remain a great inspiration to me. "I

have always been a huge fan of women's sports, and I admire the work that the Aces' players, staff, and the WNBA continue to do to grow the sport and empower future generations of athletes. To be able to contribute in any way to that mission as a member of the Aces organization is an incredible honor."

Brady announced his retirement Feb. 1 at age 45. He won six Super Bowls with the New England Patriots and one with the Tampa Buccaneers and owns multiple passing records over a 23-year career. "Tom Brady is a win not only for the Aces, and the WNBA, but

for women's professional sports as a whole," Aces owner Mark Davis said in a statement. WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert issued a statement that read: "We are pleased to see the incredible momentum around the WNBA continue as evidenced by our recent league and team equity deals. We look forward to welcoming Tom Brady as an owner once the league process and approvals are complete. We have seen Tom Brady courtside at our games and are thrilled he recognizes the value of supporting women's basketball and the WNBA." □

Nola vs. deGrom highlights MLB's 2023 opening-day matchups

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

The Texas Rangers aren't wasting any time in seeing what they have in Jacob deGrom.

The ace right-hander, who signed a five-year, \$185 million contract with the Rangers in the offseason, will face Philadelphia's Aaron Nola when the 2023 Major League Baseball season opens next Thursday.

All 30 clubs will be in action that day for the first time since 1968.

This will be deGrom's fourth career opening day start. The two-time Cy Young winner got the nod from 2019-21 while pitching for the New York Mets. Texas has been cautious with deGrom during spring training after the 34-year-old reported tightness in his left side right before team workouts began in February.

His work over the last month has been solid enough that the Rangers did not hesitate in making deGrom the seventh different pitcher to get the ball on opening day for the team in the last seven years.

Nola, by contrast, has been a fixture for the Phillies. The 29-year-old will make his sixth opening day start for Philadelphia. Only Hall of Famers Robin Roberts (12)



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Jacob deGrom delivers during the first inning of a spring training baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Sunday, March 19, 2023, in Surprise, Ariz.

Associated Press

and Steve Carlton (10) have started more season-openers in Phillies' history. Eight Cy Young winners in all will take the mound on March 30, including Corey Kluber, who will make his first start for Boston when the Red Sox face Baltimore. Kluber is the first newcomer to start Boston's first game since David Price in 2016.

Miami's Sandy Alcantara will be the first Marlins pitcher to start four straight openers when he takes on three-time Cy Young winner Max Scherzer and the New York

Mets. Alcantara, a unanimous choice for the NL Cy Young in 2022, will break a tie with Josh Beckett (2003-05) and Josh Johnson (2010-12) for most opening-day starts in club history. Scherzer is one of five pitchers since 1900 to record 10 or more strikeouts on opening day at least three times in their career.

This is the second time in as many years that Cy Young winners will face each other on opening day. Cleveland's Shane Bieber and Kansas City's Zack Greinke

met last spring.

Angels star Shohei Ohtani, fresh off leading Japan to the World Baseball Classic title, will make his second straight opening day start for Los Angeles. Ohtani set career-highs last year in wins (15), ERA (2.33), strikeouts (216) and innings pitched (166). Ohtani and the Angels begin the season against Oakland left-hander Kyle Muller, who will be making his first opening-day start. New York Yankees ace Gerrit Cole will join C.C. Sabathia, Jack

Chesbro and Mel Stottlemyre as the only pitchers in team history to start four straight opening days when the Yankees host the San Francisco Giants.

Framber Valdez will start for World Series champion Houston when the Astros host the Chicago White Sox.

The youngest opening-day starter will be Cincinnati's Hunter Greene. The hard-throwing 23-year-old will match up with Mitch Keller and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Greene struck out 164 hitters in 125 2/3 innings as a rookie last season. Greene also pitched 7 1/3 no-hit innings against the Pirates last April, only to take the loss. Washington's Patrick Corbin is hopeful that getting the start on opening day will lead to a better season than the ones he endured in 2021 and 2022. Corbin led the majors in losses each of the past two seasons, going 9-16 with a 5.82 ERA in 2021, then 6-19 with a 6.31 ERA last year. But with Stephen Strasburg still sidelined by injury and top prospect Cade Cavalli out for the year following Tommy John surgery, the Nationals are turning to one of the few pieces remaining from the team that won the 2019 World Series. □

Mavs' Doncic fined \$35,000 over money sign toward officials

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Mavericks star Luka Doncic was fined \$35,000 on Friday for directing a money sign toward officials in the final seconds of a loss to Golden State.

Doncic walked toward officials while rubbing his fingers together with 1.7 seconds left in the 127-125 loss on Wednesday night. The four-time All-Star apparently was upset that a foul wasn't called when he missed a layup.

Dallas was trailing 125-122 when Doncic caught a pass under the basket and his layup bounced off the back of the rim. After the Mavericks committed a

foul to stop the clock, Doncic made the gesture.

The NBA said the fine was for "an inappropriate and unprofessional gesture toward a game official."

Officials didn't give him a technical over the gesture. Doncic frequently complains to officials and is one technical foul away from 16 this season, which would trigger a one-game suspension.

The count doesn't carry over into the playoffs.

Dallas owner Mark Cuban said he planned to protest the loss to the Warriors over a sequence late in the third quarter that led to an uncontested dunk for Golden

State's Kevon Looney.

The Mavericks thought they had possession coming out of a timeout and lined up on their offensive end. The Warriors inbounded on the other end with no defenders, leading to Looney's easy bucket for a 90-87 Golden State lead.

Before the timeout, official Andy Nagy signaled possession for Golden State when the ball went out of bounds, but quickly pointed to the Dallas bench to indicate a timeout.

The Mavs contended that official Michael Smith must have thought Dallas had possession because he was on the same end of

the floor as the Mavs. Dallas believed officials should

have stopped play to sort out the confusion. □



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) celebrates sinking a three point basket as Golden State Warriors' JaMychal Green, right, looks on in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in Dallas.

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